

at Alexandria in Egypt between B.C. 280 and 130 and called the Septuagint. The Spirit said. The "angel" (v. 26) had withdrawn, but the Holy Spirit was always present (see ch. 1:8) with His inward impulse and guidance. Join thyself to this chariot; keep near it, follow it.

II. A CONVERSATION.—30-35. Ran thither; in eager obedience. **Heard him read;** listening for a time unobserved. **Understandest thou?** The question expects the answer "No." **How can I, etc.?** The man was an inquirer, anxious, bewildered, but teachable. **Besought Philip to . . . sit with him** (Rev. Ver.); a request showing both humility and earnestness. **As a sheep . . . like a lamb;** a picture of silent and uncomplaining submission. **His judgment was taken away.** The sufferer was robbed of his rights of justice and humanity. **Who shall declare his generation?** Who can describe the wickedness of those who could inflict such suffering on an innocent victim. **His life is taken, etc.;** by a violent death. **Of whom speaketh the prophet this?** The Jews did not see in this prophecy a description of Jesus, but Philip showed that it was a portrait corresponding to Jesus the original.

III. A CONVERT.—36-40. What doth hinder me to be baptized? Doubtless Philip had explained that those who believed in Jesus are admitted to the Christian church by baptism. **Baptized him;** as a sign that he accepted Jesus as Saviour and Lord. **The Spirit . . . caught away Philip.** As a divine impulse had brought Philip to the eunuch, another impulse of the same kind caused him to depart. **At Azotus;** the Ashdod of 1 Sam. 5:1. It was 20 miles northwest of Gaza.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON

GAZA lies 50 miles to the southwest of Jerusalem. From a point almost directly south of the town and not far away, fields and orchards, separated by cactus hedgerows, may be seen stretching before one for half a mile. Then comes a low, broad hill rising a little above the orchard level, with the buildings of the town covering its summit. Beyond the housetops may be seen lower ground beyond the hill. That lower ground, dim and hazy in the distance, reaches to the Mediterranean Sea. The modern town, named Ghuzzeh, has about 16,000 inhabitants and contains a Crusaders' church, now a Mohammedan mosque.

LESSON QUESTIONS

26 Who was Philip? Where had he been preaching? How did the Lord speak to him? Find other

references by Luke to angels. (Luke 1:11, 26; 2:9; 24:4; Acts 1:10; 10:3, 30; 12:7.) Whither was Philip commanded to go? Where was Gaza? What is the modern name of this town?

27 How did Philip prove his faith? What great man was traveling toward Gaza? Where had he been? For what purpose had he gone to Jerusalem?

28, 29 What was he reading? Who told Philip to join him? How willing is God to give us the Holy Spirit? (Luke 11:13.)

30-35 How did Philip show his eagerness to obey the Spirit's command? What question did he ask of the eunuch? What was the eunuch's answer? How did he show his humility and earnestness? About what was the eunuch perplexed? How did Philip remove his difficulties?

36-40 What did the eunuch ask of Philip? Of what was the baptism a sign? Whither did Philip go? Under whose direction?

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Can one be a Christian without being a missionary?

2. Does God send angels to guide people nowadays?

A PRAYER

Father, arouse in us the sense of obligation to those who do not know Thee. Teach us how to give to them the word of life. May we count no burden too great that is assumed as we hearken to the last command of Christ. May Thy kingdom come, in our homes, in our hearts, in all the world, and may we have some part in bringing the glad day of the kingdom's coming; for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Prove from Scripture—That we are saved by believing.

Shorter Catechism—Review Question 49, 50.

The Question on Missions—12. What is the cost of this work, and how is it met? It costs fifty dollars a year to provide food for each boy and girl. Besides that, there are their clothing, school fees, school supplies, matrons' salaries and supplies for the Homes to be paid for. The Women's Missionary Society is in charge, and gets help from Young People's Societies, Sunday Schools, Bible Classes and other sources. The parents also do what they can to help.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise: 418 (Supplemental Lesson), 449, 447, 52 (Ps. Sol.), 562 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 457.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. How was the meeting of Philip and the eunuch brought about?

2. What perplexity of the eunuch did Philip remove and how?

3. How did the eunuch show that he believed in Jesus?

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